

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Compliance with Colorado Vehicle Emissions Testing for Diesel Vehicles

1. Purpose. Increase awareness about the Front Range vehicle emissions testing requirements for privately-owned vehicles (POVs) and federal fleet vehicles, and emphasize the need for continued vehicle maintenance regardless of vehicle fuel type.

2. Background.

a. The Colorado Automobile Inspection and Readjustment (AIR) Program was initiated in 1981 as the Front Range area exceeded national air standards for carbon monoxide. Since then, air quality has improved dramatically in the Front Range area largely due to Colorado drivers properly maintaining their vehicles. It is expected that El Paso County will continue to meet the national standards in the future. Therefore, the **state-required vehicle emissions test for GASOLINE vehicles will end 1 January 2007**. Excellent vehicle maintenance continues to be important for both air quality and vehicle fuel economy.

b. There are no changes to the light/heavy diesel inspection program. All tactical vehicles remain exempt, as well as motorcycles and other All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs); electric vehicles (including all hybrids); vehicles registered as street rods; farm tractor, maintenance, construction or similar equipment registered as off-road vehicles; and vehicles registered as Collector Series (1959 models and older) or Horseless Carriage (1942 models and older).

3. An **annual** emissions test is still required by state law for all diesel POV and fleet vehicles, regardless of state registration, which operate on Fort Carson for **more than 90 days** (unless the vehicle qualifies for an exemption, see Paragraph 4). The State of Colorado does not recognize emission test inspection results from other states. The emissions test costs \$45-55 for diesel vehicles.

4. Exemptions. New diesel vehicles purchased and registered in Colorado with a Manufacturer's Statement of Origin (MSO) receive a two-year model exemption. Therefore, if a new diesel vehicle is purchased out of state and registered before driving it to Colorado, then the vehicle can not receive the two-year model exemption. However, if that vehicle is purchased out of state and is transported to Colorado and registered here for its first time, then the MSO is accepted as being valid proof to receive the exemption.

5. Inspection sites. Diesel emission tests can be obtained at Exhaust Readers (4202 N. Nevada Avenue, Colorado Springs) or Advanced Auto Repair (1 Carson Circle, Fountain).

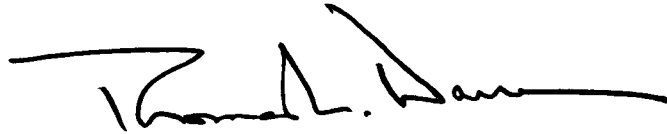
6. The Fort Carson military police can enforce this emissions testing requirement on Fort Carson with a fine if the owner can not show proof of the emissions test, or proof of an exemption, for

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the diesel vehicle. Such proof should be retained in the vehicle with the registration and insurance.

7. The Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management (DECAM) POC regarding this information paper is Mr. Mark Bradbury or Ms. Christine Redmond at 526-4683 or 526-1708, respectively.

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